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referring to a managing packet that is transmitted to said second router.

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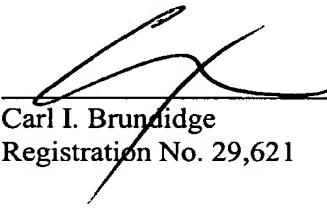
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current Amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

Entry of the above amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

26. (Amended) A method for opening a connection between a first router and a second router for transmitting a data packet, wherein both of the first router and the second router being coupled via a network, said method comprising the steps of:

generating a reservation information packet for opening the connection at said first router;

transmitting said reservation information packet bound for a predetermined destination from said first router;

receiving said reservation information packet at said second router;

checking information in said reservation information packet at said second router;

generating a reservation request packet at the second router, when ~~the check~~ result ~~a~~ of said checking step indicates that a reservation request packet is to be transmitted back as a reply to said reservation information packet;

transmitting said reservation request packet back from ~~the~~ said second router;

receiving the reservation request packet from said second router; and

processing with respect to said reservation request packet to open the connection at said first router.

27. (Twice Amended) A method for opening a connection according to claim 6 26, wherein the step of processing at ~~the~~ said first router comprises the step of:

checking that said reservation request packet corresponds to said reservation information packet that said first router transmitted.

28. (Amended) A method for opening a connection according to claim 26, wherein the step of generating said reservation request packet at said second router comprises the step of:

including a communication parameter in said reservation request packet, and wherein the step of processing at the said first router comprises the step of referring to said communication parameter that said second router ~~have~~ included in said reservation request packet.

29. (Twice Amended) A method for opening a connection according to claim 28, wherein the step of processing at the said first router comprises the step of: registering said communication parameter in said reservation request packet into a connection management table of said first router, and wherein the step of generating at the second router comprises the step of: registering the said communication parameter in the said reservation request packet into a connection management table of the said second router.

33. (Amended) A method for opening a connection according to claim 30, wherein the step of generating said the reservation request packet comprises the step of: determining a communication parameter by referring to information for managing communication provided by said second router.

34. (Amended) A method for opening a connection according to claim 32, said method further comprising the step of:

setting said information for managing communication at said first router by referring to a managing packet that is transmitted sent to said first router.

35. (Amended) A method for opening a connection according to claim 33, said method further comprising the step of:

setting the information for managing communication at said second router by referring to a managing packet that is sent transmitted to said second router.